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PART I

Punjab Government Notifications and Orders

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(Food Distribution Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 11th September 2025

No. 2FD (893146)-2025/508.- In exercise of powers conferred by section 40 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 20 of 2013), the State Government is pleased to make the following amendments of rules in the Punjab Food Security Rules, 2016, published in the official gazette on April 22nd, 2016 namely:-

In the Punjab Food Security Rules, 2016 the Rule 3(1) Schedule-I is replaced as under:-

INCLUSION/EXCLUSION CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013/PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJNA

INCLUSION CRITERIA

1. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households would be automatically covered as per the existing scheme of the Government of India.
2. The Below Poverty Line (BPL) families identified according to the criteria decided by the Government of India and identified beneficiary families under the State sponsored "Atta Dal Scheme" would be automatically covered under Priority Household.
3. Total verified annual income of upto-Rs 1.80 lakh will be considered as BPL and would be covered under Priority Household.
4. The homeless households and households living in Kutcha houses.
5. The Households where head of the family is disabled/ handicapped person (Should be more than 40% handicap as per the certificate issued by concerned Civil Surgeon/ Medical Board).
6. All households of landless agricultural labourers.
7. All households of small and marginal farmers (owning fertile land upto 2.5 acres or barren land upto 5 acres).

8. All households headed by a widow or a single woman (unmarried/separated/deserted).
9. Old age pensioners, who don't have any other family member to support them and their annual income from all sources including pension is upto Rs. 1.80 lakh.
10. In water lodged areas, the condition regarding ownership of land has been relaxed and families having land upto 5 acres are eligible.
11. All such land owners in whose land there has been no produce in the last three years.
12. Families of HIV/AIDS/ Thalassemia patients/Fatal disease/Cancer verified by Director Health, Punjab.
13. Ex-servicemen and their dependent family members, whose annual income is less than Rs.60,000/- apart from pension and they also qualify as per other prescribed criteria.
14. Persons affected with leprosy.
15. Families of farmers/landless people of the one who has committed suicide in distress.
16. Informal workers such as waste pickers, manual scavengers, domestic workers, beggars; MNREGS workers, construction workers, Labourers, village chowkidars and other urban/rural poor who are outside the fold of food security/NFSA, 2013.
17. Children who have lost both their parents to the COVID -19 Pandemic.
18. Families that have lost their breadwinner to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
19. Female Sex workers
20. Families with paralysed/mentally unstable persons.
21. Families where any member is undergoing drug de-addiction or has undergone drug de-addiction in the last one year.
22. Orphan (below 21 years of age)

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

1. All income tax payers.
2. All Goods and Service Tax assesses registered under the Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017.
3. All service tax payers.
4. All Professional tax payers.
5. Households having more than 2.5 acres of fertile land or more than 5 acres of barren land.
6. Any household owning motorized four wheeler or Air Conditioner.
7. Any household which owns/operates an enterprise(s) registered with the Government.
8. Families of all employees (other than contractual/work charged/ daily wager) of Government of India, State Governments and Union Territories or its boards/ corporations /enterprises/ undertakings/ Municipal corporations, Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Improvement Trusts etc. (FAMILY includes Husband, Wife & their dependent children.
9. Any household having annual family income of more than Rs.1,80,000/- from all sources.
10. Any household owing a house built on a plot area of 100 sq. yds or more or flat of 750 sq. ft or more super area in Municipal Corporation or Municipal Councils in the State.

Note: a) State Government reserves a right to fully or partially amend these eligibility criteria anytime without any notice.

b) That the exclusion criteria shall apply to only the concerned member of the household exceeding the threshold of above inclusion parameters and only such member shall be excluded. Further, if such a member is Head of Family, then the next eligible/eldest female more than 18 years of age shall be designated as HoF of that household, and if there is no female member more than 18 years of age in the household, in that case, eldest male member shall be designated as HoF of that household in the RCMS database.

This is being notified with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab.

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